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RE: Our Client: David Brancato Docket No: 92-N-041 **6/AST1** 

Dear Mr. Schwartzbard:

My file reflects that I wrote to you in September of 1998, in connection with David Brancato's Application for Termination of Debarment.

While we are perfectly happy to wait on a hearing for this matter until a time deemed appropriate, I simply would like to know the status of it at this time.

As you know, many years have passed since the conduct which resulted in conviction in this matter, and Mr. Brancato has fully cooperated with the Government in this matter and provided substantial assistance to the Office of the United State's Attorney.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you need any further information, don't

hesitate to contact me.

Very trylly yours,

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